

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.J. Res. 68, Continuing Resolution.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S10773–S10811

Measures Introduced: Five bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1804–1808, S. Res. 262, and S. Con. Res. 56. **Pages S10796–97**

Measures Passed:

Continuing Resolution: Senate passed H.J. Res. 68, making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2006, clearing the measure for the President, after taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S10773–80**

Rejected:

By 39 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 246), Harkin Amendment No. 1921, to continue funding for the Community Services Block Grant at no less than last year's level. **Pages S10773–78**

Natural Disaster Student Aid Fairness Act: Senate passed H.R. 3863, to provide the Secretary of Education with waiver authority for the reallocation rules in the Campus-Based Aid programs, and to extend the deadline by which funds have to be reallocated to institutions of higher education due to a natural disaster, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S10809**

Department of Defense Appropriations: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 2863, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, which will be considered as original text for the purpose of further amendment, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S10780, S10781–83**

Adopted:

Stevens Amendment No. 1922, to provide funding for the Community Services Block Grant program. **Page S10780**

Salazar Amendment No. 1903, to provide that certain local educational agencies shall be eligible to receive a fiscal year 2005 payment under section 8002 or 8003 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965. **Pages S10781–83**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 3 p.m. on Monday, October 3, 2005. **Page S10809**

Signing Authority—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that during this adjournment of the Senate, the Majority Leader and Senator Sessions, be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions. **Page S10809**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Israel Hernandez, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service.

David H. McCormick, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Export Administration.

Darryl W. Jackson, of the District of Columbia to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Kim Kendrick, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Patrick M. O'Brien, of Minnesota, to be an Assistant Secretary for Terrorist Financing, Department of the Treasury.

Keith A. Nelson, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Darlene F. Williams, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Keith E. Gottfried, of California, to be General Counsel of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Emil W. Henry, Jr., of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Margaret Spellings, of Texas, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Thirty-

third Session of the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization. (Prior to this action, Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration.)

46 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
11 Army nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy.

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Privilege of the Floor: Page S10807

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today.
(Total—246) Page S10778

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 3:04 p.m., until 3 p.m., on Monday, October 3, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S10809–10.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS:

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations: of John Hillen, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Political-Military Affairs, who was introduced by Senator Allen, Barry F. Lowenkron, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, both of the Department of State, and Kent R. Hill, of Virginia, and Jacqueline Ellen Schafer, of the District of Columbia, both to be Assistant Administrator, United States Agency for International Development, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS:

Committee on the Judiciary: on Thursday, September 29, Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Margaret Mary Sweeney, of Virginia, and Thomas Craig Wheeler, of Maryland, each to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, John Richard Smoak, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Florida, who was introduced by Senator Nelson (FL), Brian Edward Sandoval, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada, who was introduced by Senators Reid and Ensign, and Harry Sandlin Mattice, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee, who was introduced by Senators Frist and Alexander, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. It will meet at 4 p.m. on Monday, October 3 in pro forma session and at 10 a.m. on Thursday, October 6 for legislative business.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D964)

H.R. 3649, to ensure funding for sportfishing and boating safety programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund through the end of fiscal year 2005. Signed on September 29, 2005. (Public Law 109–74)

S. 1340, to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to extend the date after which surplus funds in the wildlife restoration fund become available for apportionment. Signed on September 29, 2005. (Public Law 109–75)